

contained staple holes without staples, indicating that the staples were removed. The OIC determined that the staple holes were consistent throughout all documents in the reports of 10 of the 11 examined. The one report that the Office determined had several different set of staple holes was forwarded to the FBI laboratory for forensic analysis. None of the requests with missing staples belonged to any senior White House officials from previous administrations. They were distributed among NSC, GSA, NPS, and other government agencies. Two had been requested before Mr. Marceca's detail began. Two were among the group containing Mr. Marceca's post-it notes.

b. Folded Corners

The OIC reviewed 407 of the improperly requested previous background reports for evidence of folded corners. Evidence of folded corners would suggest that someone had photocopied the documents without removing the staples or simply read the reports without removing the staples. A few reports were discovered with folded pages, but there was not a sufficient volume of folded pages to discern any patterns or to draw an inference that the reports were photocopied without removing the staples.⁵³

⁵³ Mr. Marceca testified that he initially photocopied some background reports when he was creating memos about derogatory information but stopped when he was told by Mr. Livingstone not to copy them. Marceca 9/11/99 OIC Depo. at 27-28.